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SUBJ: US-SPANISH BASE NEGOTIATIONS--TREATY TITLE

1. SPANISH HAVE PROPOSED AS THE TITLE FOR THE NEW AGREEMENT

"TREATY OF DEFENSE AND CIVIL (NONMILITARY) COOPERATION," IN

SPANISH: "TRATADO DE DEFENSA Y COOPERACION CIVIL."

2. I HAVE SUGGESTED TO ROVIRA THAT THE EXPRESSION "TREATY OF DEFENSE" MIGHT UNNECESSARILY RAISE QUESTIONS IN CONGRESS AND THAT THE EXPRESSION IN ENGLISH "CIVIL COOPERATION" MIGHT BE INTERPRETED AS IMPLYING SOME INVOLVEMENT IN EACH OTHER'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS. WE UNDERTOOK TO SEE WHETHER A MORE FELICITOUS TITLE MIGHT BE FOUND WHICH WOULD PRESERVE THE SENSE OF NEWNESS SOUGHT BY THE SPANISH, INCLUDING THE USE OF THE WORDS "TREATY" AND "DEFENSE," TO WHICH THEY ATTACHE CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE. THE SPANISH CLEARLY WISH TO AVOID THE USE OF THE EXPRESSION "FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION" USED IN THE 1970 AGREEMENT.

3. I WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING YOUR THOUGHTS ON THIS. WE MIGHT, FOR EXAMPLE, SUGGEST A TITLE LIKE "TREATY OF COOPERATION IN DEFENSE AND NONMILITARY MATTERS" ("TRATADO DE COOPERACION PARA DEFENSA Y ASUNTOS CIVILES").

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